IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISION

§ EMBRY WAYNE HESTER as § **Personal Representative of the** \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ Estate of Martha Carolyn Hester, deceased, Plaintiff, § CASE NO.: 2:06-CV-242-MHT VS. MERCK & CO., INC. a New Jersey § Corporation; et al., § Defendants.

CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and to enable judges and magistrate judges of the court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned attorneys of record for Defendant Merck & Co., Inc. certify that Merck & Co. has no parent companies and that they are not aware of any corporation that owns more than ten percent of its common stock.

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